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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 813
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Charles Cavallo and his World Famous Cupboard Restaurant upon this excellent restaurant's cultural and social significance to the City of Memphis and the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for this General Assembly to pause in its deliberations to recognize those esteemed business establishments that significantly contribute to the social and cultural heritage of our communities and our state; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy establishment is the World Famous Cupboard Restaurant located in Mid-Town Memphis; and

WHEREAS, established in 1943, the Cupboard Restaurant is world renowned for its plate lunches, fresh vegetables, cornbread and homemade desserts; and

WHEREAS, after nearly 60 years in existence, the Cupboard Restaurant was purchased by successful produce company owner, Mr. Charles Cavallo, in November of 1992; and

WHEREAS, soon after purchasing the business, Mr. Cavallo renovated the interior of the restaurant including adding forty new seats to the existing 54 seats; he also increased the

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restaurant's service days and hours and enhanced the menu with an array of fresh vegetables; and

WHEREAS, with an emphasis on personal service, Mr. Cavallo has coupled his vast knowledge of the food service industry with his experience in produce to provide his customers with the fresh vegetables that they now enjoy as part of their meals; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2000, the Cupboard moved from its original location to a much larger facility at 1400 Union Avenue to cope with the increased volume of customers; and

WHEREAS, the menu at the Cupboard consists of entrees that change daily and 18 vegetables, including favorites such as corn pudding and Mr. Cavallo's father's recipe for Italian spinach; and

WHEREAS, due to its delectable menu, the Cupboard has garnered numerous culinary awards and honors, including receiving Five Stars from the *Senior Citizen Gazette*, First Place in the "Best Down-Home" Category from the *Memphis Magazine Restaurant Guide* and First Place for "Best Down Home/Soul Food" from the *Memphis Flyer*, *The New York Times* has even featured an article on the culinary excellence of the Cupboard Restaurant; and

WHEREAS, the World Famous Cupboard Restaurant hosts thousands of domestic and international diners each year; and

WHEREAS, Charles Cavallo's World Famous Cupboard Restaurant is an integral part of the cultural and social fabric of the Memphis community and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and recognize Charles Cavallo and his World Famous Cupboard Restaurant for this excellent restaurant's cultural and social significance to the City of Memphis and the State of Tennessee, and commend Mr. Cavallo for providing some of the most delicious "down home" food available anywhere.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.